



CHAPTER 10: LIFE SHINES
MOST BRILLIANTLY ON
THE BRINK OF DEATH







ATTACKING
WHEN YOU
DON'T KNOW
IF YOU'LL WIN?
GIVE ME A
BREAK...

...
I DON'T
GET
YOU AT
ALL...



SO IT
REALLY
WAS
JUST
TOFU?!

GAH?!

IT DIDN'T
WORK...











AAGH !!

HEY-



CRASH



HEY, YOU ...

WHY WERE YOU THROWING TOFU AT IT?



HE'S DEAD ALREADY.

HM ... OH ...



... UM...

WHAT ...?!

BECAUSE I BELIEVE LIFE SHINES MOST BRILLIANTLY ON THE BRINK OF DEATH.

I HAVE NO INTEREST IN THINGS THAT HOLD NO LIFE.



NOW, WHY WERE YOU THROWING TOFU AT IT?

THAT WASN'T REALLY MY INTENTION ...

I WAS JUST TESTING WHETHER MY STRENGTH WOULD HOLD UP TO A DEMON...

THANK YOU ...

VERY MUCH ...FOR SAVING ME.

WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?!

UM... UM...

APPARENTLY, YOU WERE TRYING TO KILL IT. AM I RIGHT?



PLEASE
ASK ME
ANY-
THING.

STARE
ワ
ワ

SO
COOL...
OH,
MAN...

!

I-
I'll
EXPLAIN.



AH-



IF YOU
THROW
THE
BEANS AT
A DEMON,
YOU CAN
KILL IT.

UH...
YEAH.

THERE
ARE BEAN
CAPSULES
AROUND
THE
SCHOOL.



BUT I
CAN SEE
EVERY-
THINGS!!
USHI-
MITSU...
HE'S...!

AH...!!
NO ONE
CAN SEE
FROM
WHERE
THEY'RE
STAND-
ING...



THEN
I'LL
ASK YOU
ALL
...

AH-

DO YOU
KNOW
A WAY
TO KILL
THE
DEMONS?

HE'S
TOTALLY
FEELING
HER UP
!!!

AH
...

AW
...





SSF...



ALL
THAT'S
LEFT ARE
THE TWO
DEMONS
DOWN
BELOW.





GATHER
THE
BEANS
IN THE
SCHOOL
AND
BRING
THEM
BACK.



GOOD.
AKASHI,
YOU'RE
IN
CHARGE
OF THIS
GROUP.



...
HUH?

I WANT THE
"POWER OF
GOD" AS
SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

DO
IT
NOW.



THEN
I'LL KILL
THOSE
TWO
DEMONS
FOR YOU.



WHY
DOES HE
GOTTA
TAKE
ORDERS
FROM
YOU?!

AKASHI-
KUN IS
PART OF
OUR
TEAM!!



WELL,
UH...

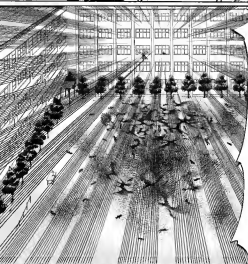
YOU
CAN'T...
JUST...





"DURING 'MAME-MAKI' OR 'BEAN-THROWING,' THE HOME IS SYMBOLICALLY PURIFIED BY THROWING BEANS AT A FAMILY MEMBER WEARING A DEMON MASK TO REPRESENT BAD LUCK WHILE THE FAMILY SHOUTS 'DEMONS OUT, LUCK IN!'"

**ONLY
TWO
OF
'EM
LEFT
!!!!**



**THE
BEANS
WILL
WORK
!!!!**



HA
...



I JUST THOUGHT...
IT'D BE GOOD
...IF WE COULD
GATHER MORE
PEOPLE...

WH... BUT
...

WHAT'RE
YA GOIN'
TELLING
THE
DEMONS
WHERE
WE ARE?!

YOU
IDIOT
!!



LET'S
EXTER-
MINATE
THE
DEMONS
TOGETH-
ER.

LEND
US A
HAND,
USHI-
MITSU
!!



BUT
WE
CAN'T
DO IT
ALONE
...

WE NEED
YOUR POWER,
SO THERE'S
ONLY ONE
THING TO
DO, RIGHT?



YOU
WANT
TO SUR-
VIVE
TOO,
RIGHT?

BROADCAST STUDIO

WELL
...



...

I GUESS
THAT'S A POSSI-
BILITY
...
AND IF I
WAS WITH
YOU GUYS
...

I SEE
YOUR POINT
...



DEMONS
OUT~
♪

LUCK
IN~
♪

HA
HA!

I
WONDER
WHO
THAT WAS
SHOUTING
JUST
NOW...

I COULD
BEHOLD
THE
FACES
OF MANY
PEOPLE
AS THEY
DIE.







CHAPTER 11: JUST LIKE THE GAZELLE

AS LONG
AS WE
CAN SEE
THEM FROM
HERE, OUR
SAFETY IS
GUARAN-
TEED.

THERE
ARE TWO
DEMONS
LEFT...
"HOT" AND
"DAZZLING."



CUT IT
OUT...
IDIOT...

HUH...
USHI-
MITSU
?!

WE CAN'T
BEAT 'EM
WITHOUT
A BEAN,
RIGHT?



THEN IF
NOTHING
HAPPENS,
LET'S GO
AHEAD WITH
OUR PLAN
TO LOOK
FOR BEANS.

FIVE
MORE
MIN-
UTES.

LET'S
WAIT
A BIT
LONG-
ER.

WELL,
I
GUESS
SO,
BUT...

IF THERE
WAS ANYONE
LEFT ALIVE,
THERE'D HAVE
BEEN SOME
KIND OF RE-
ACTION BY
NOW.

IT'S BEEN
5 MINUTES
SINCE THIS
OBSESSIVE KID
SHOUTED
OUT THERE.

MY...
NAME'S
...KAI
HARA...



YOU'RE
PART
OF THE
TEAM
TOO.

HEY,
YOU...
COME
OVER
HERE.

SHE CAN'T
SPEAK
OR WON'T
SPEAK?
BUT SHE'S
FOLLOW-
ING US,
SO SHE
MUST
THINK OF
HERSELF
AS A PART
OF THE
GROUP.

...
WHAT
IS WITH
THIS
GIRL...?
IS SHE
ALWAYS
LIKE
THAT...?



I WONDER
IF ANYONE
IS STILL
ALIVE.

RUI-
CHAN,
YOUR
PANTIES
SHOW
WHEN
YOU
STAND
LIKE
THAT.

CAN
I GET
IN ON
THIS
CONVER-
SATION?

...
URGHM

?!

WHAT'S
WRONG
?!

THERE!!
OVER
THERE!!

AH-

AAH
?!











SO
THAT AT
LEAST
THE TWO
OF US
WOULD
SURVIVE.

"LEAVE IT
TO ME!
I CAN
DO IT!"

I THINK
HE HAD
ALREADY
RESOLVED
TO DIE
WHEN HE
TOOK ON
THE PLAN.

"RESOLVED"...

...

TO
FIGHT
LIKE
THAT.

W-
WOW
...

I'D
NEVER
BE
ABLE
...

SURE
THING.

IT'D
BE OUR
PLEAS-
URE.

OH!
THOSE
WERE MY
WORDS!
DAMN!!

TO
TO!!
GRAB!!

WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO WORK
TOGETHER?

BUT WE
WERE ABLE
TO FIGHT
BECAUSE
WE HEARD
YOUR
WORDS...







IF YOU'RE
COMING
IN, THEN
GET IN
HERE!!!

WHAT
THE HELL
ARE YOU
GUYS
DOIN'?!



THEY
ALL
HAVE
LITTLE
HOLES
IN
THEIR
BODIES
...
WHICH
OF THE
DEMONS
KILLED
THEM?



HOW
DID
THEY
DIE?





WHAT
ARE
YOU
SAY-
ING?

...
BECAUSE
OF THEIR
SACRIFICE,
THE GROUP
SURVIVES.
THAT'S WHAT
ALL OF US
HAVE AGREED.

WE'LL
BE SAD
FOR THE
POOR GUYS
IT GOES
AFTER, BUT
THAT'S ALL
WE CAN
DO.

WE'LL
SCAT-
TER.

WE HAVE
A NON-
AGGRESSIVE
DEFENSE
POLICY...

WE ARE
JUST LIKE
THE GAZELLE
THAT LIVE
ON THE
SAVANNA...

IT'S THE
WAY
HERBIV-
ORES
THINK.

IF YOU
FAIL,
THEN
WE'LL
JUST
KEEP
RUNNING
AWAY.

IF YOU
CLEAR
THEM
FOR US,
THEN
WE'RE
LUCKY.

TEAM GAZELLE!!!

ANYWAY,
THERE'S NO WAY
WE'LL DO SOME-
THING STUPID
LIKE RISK
FIGHTING AND
DYING...



THAT'S RIGHT !!

SARAMI WAS COURAGEOUS!!

THAT'S JUST AN INSULT TO THE PEOPLE WHO FOUGHT AND DIED!!!

CUT THE CRAP, YOU JERK!

YOU'RE ONLY BEING SELFISH BY NOT FIGHTING ...



"A COURAGEOUS BULL."



COURAGEOUS ...



GEH!



JUST GET OUT OF HERB!! YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE!!

THEY WERE ALREADY DEAD WHEN WE GOT HERE!!

HELL IF I KNOW!!!

WAIT A SEC... WHICH DEMON KILLED THESE PEOPLE?



THIS IS TEAM GAZELLE'S PRECIOUS WEAPON!!

WE'RE KEEPING IT JUST IN CASE !!!

NO WAY, NO WAY!! OF COURSE WE WON'T!!

WE'LL BEAT THE DEMON FOR SURE.

... AL-RIGHT.

THEN HAND OVER THAT BEAN.









I DON'T
WANT TO
BE A
COWARDLY
CHICKEN
FULL OF
REGRET WHO
DOESN'T
FIGHT
ANYMORE
!!

I'LL
FIGHT
!!







AAAAGH!!



AAAAGH!!

YOU SAW ME~?!

AAAHH!!



**HUH?!
WHAT?!
MOEMI?!
LWAAH?!**

**A
DEMON
?!**



OH

OH!







WHAT
ARE
YOU
...?!



ONE
CHANCE...

ONE
BEAN...





THE HEAD
!!



IF I DON'T
HIT A
VITAL
AREA,
I CAN'T
BEAT
HIM!!

OH, NO!
A
BEAN
-

DELIB-
ERATE
AND
DARING
BEEF!!

AIM
FOR...



DON'T
MISS!
AIM
CARE-
FULLY

HEE!

AIM...
AIM...

HOO!



EAT
THAT
!!!



THERE
!!!





**EXTER-
MINATE
!!!**

AH-
GAH
-

SWHAP

GEH
-

TWUMP
トサッ



I DO FIND MYSELF HOPEING THAT YOU WON'T BE KILLED HERE.

SOMEHOW, IT APPEARS I HAVE DEVELOPED AN INTEREST THAT RESEMBLES LOVE IN YOUR BEHAVIORAL PRINCIPALS AND IDENTITY.

YOUR THANKS ARE UNNECESSARY.



FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU, AKASHI?

MAY I, KIYO-SHIROU USHI-MITSU...



OH... THERE HE IS!! OVER HERE!!

HEY, AKASHI !!

SORRY, I DONT REALLY GET WHAT YOURS TRYING TO SAY ...

...UH WHAT?

WHAT IS THIS GUY TALKING ABOUT ...?





I'M
SORRY
...

OH...
'KAY
...

OUCH,
SHE'S
CUTE.



IN
ANY
CASE
...

...
WELL
...

I WON'T
FORGIVE
YOU IF
YOU DO
THAT
AGAIN!!



WHY
DID YOU
GO OFF ON
YOUR OWN?!
WE AGREED
TO STAY
TOGETHER,
RIGHT?!

ぎゅっ
SQUEEZE

OW—



HUH...
SO WE
CLEARED,
RIGHT?!

CAN
WE GO
HOME?!

WE'VE
KILLED
ALL THE
DEMONS.



...
HUH
?

...
UH...



WE
DID
IT!

WE
CAN GO
HOME?!
OH
RAAAAT!

HOW
ARE WE
SUPPOSED
TO GET
HOME,
HUH?

...
HEY,
HEY.



ROOOOOOAR



THE
FIGHT
IS
OVER!!

WAAH!

OOO
OOH
!!

WE'RE
ALIVE!!
ALIVE!!

WAAH!

"DO NOT
FIGHT AND
YOU WILL
WIN!" THIS
PHILOSOPHY
HAS NOW BEEN
PROVEN!!



HAI?
AH...

SHE
TALK-
ED?



HA,
THERE'S...

STILL...



WELL, I
CAN UNDER-
STAND WHY
THEY'RE
HAPPY. THE
DEMONS ARE
GONE NOW.

MAN,
TALK
ABOUT
SELF-
ISH.

YELL-
ING,
HUH?



LEND
ME YOUR
HANDS!!

OKAY?

LET'S
CELEBRATE
OUR SURVIVAL
AND DO A
HAND-CLAP
CHEER!!

WELL
NOW,
TEAM
GAZELLE
!!

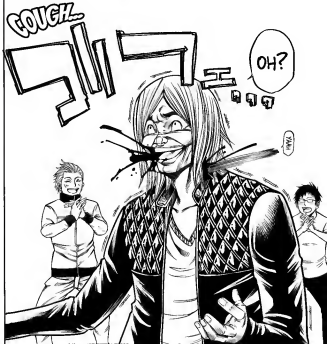
READY?
AND-
♪



SOUNDS
GOOD!

YAY!

SURE,
KING
!!



WHAT?







**OI! THERE'S
FIVE OF 'EM!!!**



I'M
TELLIN'
YEH
THERE'S
FIVE OF
'EM!!



THERE
AIN'T JUS'
FOUR
DEMONS...
THERE'S
FIVE OF
'EM...



HUH?
'OI'?



HUH
...?
WHAT
?!



**THERE
WAS ONE
MORE 'N
THE FOUR
YEH SAW...**

**YEH'RE
WRONG
!!
I SAW
'EM!!**

**WHEN
THEY
CAME
OUTTA
THA'
BIG
BALL...**



HUH
...?!

NO,
WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?!
THERE'S
FOUR
DEMONS,
RIGHT?



UP
ON THE
SHOUL-
DER
O' THE
BIGGEST
DEMON

...



THERE
WAS A
TINY
LIL'
DEMON
!!!

CHAPTER 13:
OPERATION
AUTHENTIC
SOY FLOUR

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あ
AAAAA
あ
あ



THERE'S
FIVE OF
'EM!!

THERE'S
A TINY
DEMON
TOO!!

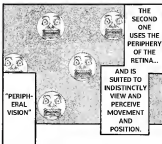
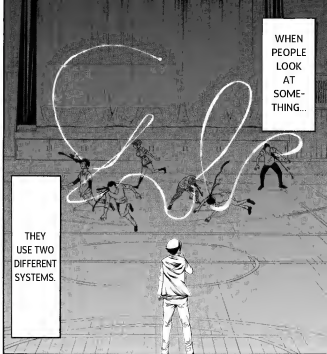
THERE
WAS ONE
MORE 'N
THE FOUR
DEMONS
YEH SAW...





WHEN
PEOPLE
LOOK
AT
SOME-
THING...

THEY
USE TWO
DIFFERENT
SYSTEMS.



THE
SECOND
ONE
USES THE
PERIPHERY
OF THE
RETINA...

AND IS
SUITED TO
INDISTINCTLY
VIEW AND
PERCEIVE
MOVEMENT
AND
POSITION.



THE
FIRST
ONE...

FIXATES
ON A SINGLE
POINT AND
IS SUITED TO
ACCURATELY
PERCEIVE
SHAPES AND
COLORS

'CENTRAL
VISION'

ASPIRED
TO PLAY
SOCCER AS A
PASSER SINCE
HE WAS
LITTLE

THIS SKILL HAD
UNCONSCIOUSLY
SPROUTED
WITHIN YASUTO
AKASHI WHO
HAD...

MF

DF

FW

DF

INSTANTANEOUS
SPACIAL
AWARENESS USING
PERIPHERAL VISION
IN PARTICULAR
IS SAID TO BE
INDISPENSABLE
FOR FIRST-CLASS
PILOTS AND
ATHLETES.

THEREFORE,
AT THIS
MOMENT
...

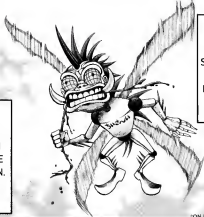
HIS
VISION...

"FOCUS"

WHICH
UNCONSCIOUSLY
PERCEIVED THE
SUBTLE MOVE-
MENTS, WAS
CONSCIOUSLY
ZEROING IN
FROM HIS
PERIPHERAL TO
CENTRAL VISION...



THE
FORM
OF THE
DEMON.



AND
HE WAS
SUCCESSFUL
IN
PERCEIVING
...

"ON DEMON'S CHEST: "TINY"

KNEW THE
SIGNIFICANCE
OF HAVING
THIS POWER
AT THIS
POINT.

SCIENCE ROOM 1

NO ONE
INCLUDING
YASUTO
AKASHI
HIMSELF...

HOW-
EVER
...

WH...
TANK-
MAN
WAS
...





THE
FIFTH
DEMON.

I SAW
IT.





AH ...

I'M TALKIN' IN ME ACCENT AGAIN ...



'S TRUE !!

THAT'S RIGHT !!

?!



IS THAT TRUE?

YOU'RE NOT LYING, RIGHT ?



I MEAN, WHAT WOULD BE THE USE OF LYING RIGHT NOW?!

IT'S TRUE!!



WERE YOU TRYING TO PUT ON SOME KIND OF ACT OR SOMETHING ...?

RIGHT ...



...THAT'S RIGHT, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US? WHY KEEP QUIET FOR SO LONG...



...
SORRY FER NOT SAYIN' NOTHIN'... PLEASE FORGIVE ME...



I REALLY WANTED TER TELL YEH FROM THE START... 'BOUT THE FIVE DEMONS...



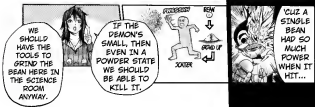
I... IT'S JUS' THAT I GOT A RIGHT AWFUL ACCENT... AN' I'M KINDA SHY ABOUT TALKIN'...

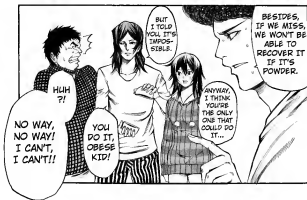
Y-YEH'RE WRONG ...











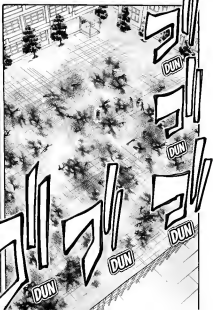














WH...
BUT,
I...

**IT'S
OKAY.**



DA-DUN

YEAH.

THAT'S
FINE.



**IT'LL
ALL BE
FINE.**

CHAPTER 14:
SQUEEZE RIGHT THERE





THIS IS
CAMOU-
FLAGE.

YEAH,
WE DO.

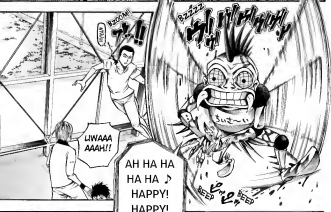


IS...
IS THIS
REALLY...
OKAY?

SO WE
DON'
NEED
TER HUG
EACH
OTHER,
DO
WE...?

YEH
SAY
WE'RE
S'POSSED
TER LURE
THE
DEMON
OUT...







NO ONE
ELSE
AROUND
HERE,
HUH?

AH...
HE'S
DEAD...
UGLY
DEAD
FACES

LIVE
HUMANS,
LIIIVE
HUUU-
MANS!



HEY,
C'MERE
!!

[BOOM]
JAW
ATTACK,
BOOM!



HURRY
AND BEAT
ME OR
EVERY-
ONE WILL
DIE-!



OH
...?

CAPTAIN
!!



LIVING
BODIES
DETECTED!
LIVING
BODIES
DETECTED!



GET
'EM
!!

WE'LL
ANNI-
HILATE
THEM!!



I'VE DIS-
COVERED
A COUPLE
CUDDLING
!!

WHAT?!
THIS IS A
STRICTLY
NO-
ROMANCE-
ZONE!!



60
METERS
AWAY

OH...
REALLY?
WHERE
?!

AH

HE'S
HERE



20

30

IF WE
STICK
TO THE
PLAN,
IT'LL
WORK

IT'S
OKAY...
DRAW
HIM
IN AS
MUCH
AS WE
CAN...



10
LEFT



5

NOT
YET



3

NOT-



50

40

I- IT'S
COMIN...
HOW
LONG
ARE WE
GONNA
WAIT?!



COULD
IT BE THE
DEMON
FROM
BEFORE?!



DE-
MON
?!

IT'LL
ONLY
WORK IF
WE PLAY A
COUPLE
THAT'S
SCARED
FOR THEIR
LIVES!!



BUT YOU
WON'T
GET
AWAY!

OH,
MY!
YOU
SAW
ME?



GO
!!

UWAH?
WHAT'S
THAT?!

GEH...
A BEE
?!



M-ME TOO!!
I-I-I-I
I LOVE YOU!!

WE CAN'T STAY
HERE!! LET'S
GO INSIDE!!
WHATEVER YOU
DO, DON'T LET
GO OF MY HAND!
I LOVE YOU!!

TO MAKE
HIM THINK
THAT WE JUST
HAPPENED
TO RUN...



I LOVE
YOU !!

ME
TOO!!
I LOVE
YOU!!

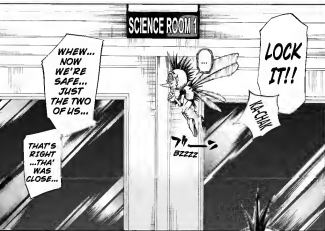
UP-
STAIRS!!
RUN!!
I LOVE
YOU!!



INTO
THAT
SCIENCE
ROOM!!



LET'S
FIND A
ROOM
FOR JUST
THE TWO
OF US!!

















PET
なで

PET
なで

BUT
ANYWAY,
THIS TIME
WE'VE
BEAT THE
DEMONS...

FOR
GOOD.



zzzt...
444...

NOT BAD!
NOT
BAD AT
ALL!

I WAS
THINKING
I'D BE ABLE
TO THIN OUT
THE RANKS A
BIT MORE,
BUT...

IT LOOKS
LIKE THERE
ARE MORE
HONOR
STUDENTS
HERE THAN
EXPECTED

WELL
...

THAT
WAS
STILL
FUN.

SHALL
WE GO
ON TO
THE
NEXT
EVENT?



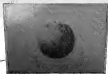
HI,
EVERY-
ONE!
IT'S SEIN
KAMI!



DING
DONG,
DING
DONG!

PLEASE
ASSEMBLE
IN THE
1ST FLOOR
CAFETERIA
IN THE EAST
BUILDING

ALL
PARTICIPANTS
WHO ARE
CURRENTLY
STILL ALIVE
WILL
ADVANCE
TO THE
NEXT KAMI-
CULUM



THE FIRST
AUDITION
HAS JUST
BEEN
COMPLETED.



SO LET'S
HAVE A
SCHOOL
LUNCH
NOW.



NO DOUBT
YOU ARE
EXHAUSTED
FROM
YOUR
ORDEAL.



THE FIRST
AUDITION
HAS JUST
BEEN
COMPLETED.

CAFETERIA

I
REPEAT



ALL
PARTICIPANTS
WHO ARE
CURRENTLY
STILL ALIVE
WILL
ADVANCE
TO THE
NEXT KAMI-
CULUM.

PLEASE
ASSEMBLE
IN THE
1ST FLOOR
CAFETERIA
IN THE EAST
BUILDING

LET'S
HAVE A
SCHOOL
LUNCH
NOW.

FEEL FREE
TO HELP
YOURSELF
TO
SECONDS.







THE STUDENTS
WHO ATTENDED
SCHOOL ARE
WORKING MUCH
HARDER, SO...

YOU MAY
BE ASKING
YOURSELVES.
"WHY IS THIS
HAPPENING
TO US?"

BTZZ

IT LOOKS
LIKE
EVERY-
ONE'S
HERE
NOW.

?!

PLEASE
SIT BACK
AND
LISTEN.

BEFORE
ANSWER-
ING
THAT...

LET ME
REMIN-
D YOU
THAT
YOU ARE
TRASH
WHO WERE
ABSENT
FROM
SCHOOL

ALUNCH ALUNCH
もぐ もぐ

YOU ARE THE
ANTITHESIS
OF THE
STUDENTS WHO
ATTENDED...
THE SO-CALLED
SHADOWY
ROUTE.



KAMI
...?

フムフム
BTZZZZ

AND SO,
ALLOW ME
TO NOW USE
THIS SCHOOL
LUNCH TIME...

TO TELL
SOMETHING
ESPECIALLY
TO YOU WHO
HAVE WON
THE FIRST
AUDITION...



!!!

HAVE
BEEN
GATHERED
HERE!

THE
REASON
WHY
YOU
ALL...



AO-
YAMA
!!!



TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 3...

CHAPTER 6: I BURN-SIED IT

YOU WILL
ALL GET TO GO
THROUGH THE
"KAMI-CULUM"
...

HERE
AT THE
"TRASH CAN
ACADEMY"
BEGINNING
NOW.

DA
DUM

WILL
SHARE MY
POWER,
"THE POWER
OF GOD,"
WITH YOU!

AND
THEN, IF
YOU ARE
ABLE TO
ACHIEVE
GRADU-
ATION
...

THEN I,
SEIN
KAMI,
THE
CHIEF
DIRECTOR
...

DA
DUM

I BET
YOU ARE
REALLY
FIRED
UP!

DA DA
DUM

DA
DUM

DA
DUM

WHAT'S
GONNA
HAPPEN
HERE?

...
WHAT IN THE
WORLD IS THAT?
AKUSUDAMA?!

Good

THEN IF
WE'RE NOT
CAREFUL AND
WE DISOBEY
HIM, WE'LL
ALL BE
KILLED...

IF
THAT'S
TRUE...

THAT
THING
HE DID
EARLIER
WAS...

AT THE
WHIM OF
A LITTLE
KID!!!

WE
COULDBE
KILLED...

THE
POWER OF
GOD?...?!

DA
DUM

TO
START
WITH,
THE FIRST
KAMI-
CULLUM
...

SO,
SHALL
WE
BEGIN?

HEYYY!
KAMI-
SAMA!

DA DA
DUM

FREEZE...
O...
O...

DUM-

...?

I
GOT A
QUES-
TION!

PSYCHIC
ABILITIES
...?
OR SOME
CHEAP
PARLOR
TRICKS...?

THEN
WHAT
IS THIS
"POWER
OF
GOD"
YOU
HAVE?

IF THIS
PLACE
AND ALL
YOU
SAY IS
TRUE...



YOU'RE
REALLY
MOTI-
VATED,
HUH?

HEY,
YOU!



TO
SUR-
VIVE?

WHAT
ARE THE
REQUIRE-
MENTS
FOR
GRADU-
ATION?

'CUZ I
WANT TO
BECOME
A REAL
GOD.

IF THAT'S
THE CASE,
THEN IF
I KILL
EVERY-
BODY
HERE...







GOOD
GUY.



GAH!
WHAT
IS
WITH
HIM?

WHAT'S
HE
TALKING
ABOUT?



HEY!



KIYO-
SHIROU
USHI-
MITSU.

I'M A
LOSER
WHO'D
WISH
ON A
STAR
FOR THE
WORLD
TO GO
TO
HELL.



AKA-SHI-KUN
...

I...
CAN I
STAY
WITH
YOU?



OF
COURSE

OH
...

HUH...
UH...
OH...



HUH
?

AND
YOU'RE
A GIRL
TOO...

NO
...

THAT'S
NOT
IT.

THAT'S
RIGHT
...
THIS
WHOLE
THING
...

IT'S
SCARY,
HUH?



I JUST
LOVE
PEOPLE
WHO ACT
STUPID!

IT
JUST
SEEMS
LIKE FUN
TO BE
AROUND
YOU!

LIKE WHEN
YOU WERE
RIDING NINO
BACKWARDS,
YOUR REAC-
TIONS WERE
HILARIOUS
...

OKAY
...

...WELL,
SHE'S
LAUGHING,
SO I
GUESS
IT'S
OKAY...

"STU-
PID"
...

OH...
IS THAT
RIGHT
...?

YOU
ENROLLED IN
TRASH CAN
ACADEMY
OF YOUR
OWN FREE
WILL...

DA DUM



NO?
THEN
THIS IS
YOUR
LAST
BIT OF
ADVICE.

ANY
OTHER
QUESTIONS?



SO PLEASE
ABANDON
ANY
MISPLACED
RELIANCE
ON OTHERS.

WHOOOSH

LET THE
"SHIRI-
TORI"
BEGIN!!

YOU ARE
BEING
TESTED.

DURING
THIS
AUDITION
OF GODS,
YOU WILL
RISK YOUR
LIVES.

SO,
LET'S
START!!

DUM









I'M BURNIN' TO GET
MY HANDS ON 'EM~



I JUST
DON'T
GET
YOU...



WELL
HOW DO
YOU DO?



CRAP,
THEY'RE
COMING
THIS
WAY?!

UWAH
...?!



I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND...!

WHAT
IS THIS?!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

ACK-
UGH!

HEY...
OUTTA
THE
WAY!!

UWAH!!
GROSS!!







SOOOO HOT!



POSSHHH
BOOM

I BURN-
SIED IT~



ユウウ

WHA-

HE'S
COM-
PLETLY
BURNT?!!

あーたか~い

"ON DEMON'S CHEST 'HOT'"

あーたか~い

CHAPTER 7:
FREEZE, BUSTER!







OKAY
...



**RUN!!
LET'S
GET
AWAY!
HURRY!!**



**YOU
SHOULD
REJOICE
IN LIFE.**

**INSTEAD
OF
FEARING
DEATH...**

!



**WHAT
IS THIS?
CRAP, CRAP,
CRAP, CRAP!!**

**GAH
...**

**WE'RE
GONNA
DIE!!**

BY SEIN KAMI



SEE YOU AGAIN.



"ON BANNER: "HARAUHARUHAROU"

WHO IN
THE WORLD
IS THIS
"KAMI" KID
...?!



WHAT IS
THAT?!
IS THIS
FOR
REAL?!

UWAH!
NOOO
OOO!!!

OH
...
AKASHI-
KUN...









HE'S
DEAD
...!!!

URG
...



AND
I NEVER
EVEN
KNEW
HIS
NAME....!

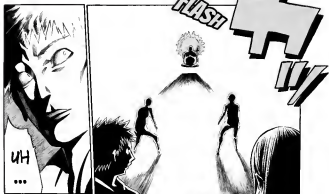
AGH
...





"ON DEMON'S CHEST: 'DAZZLING'"









I'M
GONNA
DIE
...!!

I'M
GONNA
DIE...

I'M
GONNA
DIE...

YOU'RE
TOO
FAST!

WAIT
UP!

CRAP
...!!



AND
SOCCER
...
AND
SOCCER
!!

LIKE
SOCCER...
AND
HAVING
A GIRL-
FRIEND
...

THERE'S
STILL SO
MUCH I
WANT TO
DO...!!

I'M
GONNA
DIE IN A
PLACE
LIKE
THIS?!



OOF
...



...
HUH?
?

THEY'RE
NOT
CHASING
US INTO
THE
BUILDING
...



GRAB
...

WHOA
...?!

I SAID
WAIT
UP!!







HUH ?

HM ...









I GUESS
WE'RE
ALL
IN THE
SAME
BOAT,
HUH?

HA
HA
...

KOH-
MEI
IJUJIN,
FROM
OOTA.



...



UHM...
NEXT...



OH,
UHM...

I'M RUI
MOCHIDA
FROM
SAI-
TAMA.

I'M SORRY
IF YOU CAN
SEE MY
PANTIES.



THAT KID WHO CALLED HIMSELF "KAMI" SAID SOMETHING ABOUT AN AUDITION, WHICH MIGHT BE A GAME OF TAG...

THAT'S RIGHT ...

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN IF WE CLEAR IT, WE'LL SURVIVE?

OH...
HA
HA...
WAIT A SEC
...

I WONDER IF THIS COULD BE A GAME OF TAG OR SOMETHING.

IT'S CLEAR WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING, BUT... BEING CHASED BY DEMONS...

*THE JAPANESE WORD FOR THE GAME OF TAG IS "OUJI GOROKU," WHERE THE PERSON WHO IS "IT" IS CALLED THE "ONI" (DEVIL).

HOW DO YOU END A GAME OF TAG?

....!





"ON CAPSULE: 'BEAN'"



CHAPTER 8:
HARAUHARUHAROU



"ON CAPSULE: "BEAN"









...



I SAW
ONE ON
THE
WAY
HERE
TOO!!

THERE
MIGHT
BE A LOT
MORE!!



...
BUT
...

WHAT
DOES
THAT
MEAN?



THEN
SIT
DOWN.

IT'S
DEFINITELY
SOME
KIND OF
HINT...

WELL
...

I DON'T
KNOW,
BUT...



WHY
DO ALL
THESE
PEOPLE
HAVE
TO DIE?!

I WAS
ONLY
ABSENT
FROM
SCHOOL
BECAUSE
I HAD A
COLD!!



ANYWAY,
WHY
WERE WE
BROUGHT
HERE
IN THE
FIRST
PLACE?



...

THEN WHO THE HELL IS THAT "KAMI" KID?!

YOU GONNA SAY HE WAS AN ALIEN?!

HE WAS TOTALLY HUMAN!!

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE FROM A TECHNOLOGICAL STAND-POINT.

MY GUESS IS IT WAS EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL LIFE...

IF NINJ AND THOSE DEMONS ARE ROBOTS, THEN THEY'RE WAY TOO ELABORATE AND AUTONOMOUS...

THIS HAS GOT TO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE DAY!

IT MUST BE TERRORISTS TARGETING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

THEY SAID ON THE NEWS THAT IT WAS WORLD-WIDE...

LET'S TAKE STOCK OF THE SITUATION ...

AND CONTRIBUTE INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP US CLEAR.

ding ding ding

NO ONE CAN DO MORE THAN GUESS HERE!

WAIT, WAIT, WAIT...

I TOLD YOU NOT TO TALK ABOUT THIS, RIGHT?!

CALM DOWN, EVERYONE...

SO LET'S STOP WITH THE THEORIES.



AND
THAT HIGH
SCHOOL
STUDENTS
FROM ALL
OVER JAPAN
HAVE BEEN
GATHERED
HERE FOR
IT.

THE
FIRST
THING
WE
KNOW
FOR
SURE
...

IS THAT
THIS IS
SOME
KIND OF
AUDITION
...



HEY,
HEY!

UM...
EX-
CUSE
ME!

I THINK
THERE'S
SOME-
THING
YOU ALL
MISSED
...

IT'S
THE END
OF THE
LINE...

A FLY
BALL
TO
2ND...

BUT IT'S
NO USE IF
WE DON'T
KNOW THE
ESSENTIAL
CONDITIONS
TO CLEAR.

SO
THERE
MUST
BE A
WAY TO
SURVIVE.

AUDITIONS
MUST HAVE
A WAY TO
PASS,
RIGHT?

I WONDER
IF THAT
WAS SOME
KIND OF
HINT...

は
ら
う
は
る
は
ろ
う

IT SAID
"HARAU-
HARU-
HAROU."

WHEN KAMI
BROKE OPEN
THAT BIG
KUSUDAMA,
THERE WAS
SOMETHING
WRITTEN
ON THE
BANNER
HANGING
FROM
INSIDE...

YOU WERE WATCHING CAREFULLY !!

NICE, RUI-CHAN!!

YOU WERE WATCHING CAREFULLY !!

NICE, RUI-CHAN!!

HMM... REALLY?

I DIDN'T NOTICE ...

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... THERE WAS SOME-THING...

HMM... REALLY?

I DIDN'T NOTICE ...

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... THERE WAS SOME-THING...

HMM... REALLY?

I DIDN'T NOTICE ...

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... THERE WAS SOME-THING...

NAH... I DON'T REALLY GET IT.

ALSO, I THINK HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT "SHIRITORI"...

OH!

LIKE THE ENGLISH WORD?

"HAROU" ... "HELLO" ...

BUT WHAT'S IT MEAN? "HARAU-HARUHAROU"? IS IT A CONJUGATED FORM?

NAH... I DON'T REALLY GET IT.

ALSO, I THINK HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT "SHIRITORI"...

OH!

LIKE THE ENGLISH WORD?

"HAROU" ... "HELLO" ...

BUT WHAT'S IT MEAN? "HARAU-HARUHAROU"? IS IT A CONJUGATED FORM?

THAT'S RIGHT
... HEH, HEH...

AND WE SAW THAT EACH OF THEM POSSESSES THEIR OWN UNIQUE ABILITY.

THAT'S RIGHT
... HEH, HEH...

AND WE SAW THAT EACH OF THEM POSSESSES THEIR OWN UNIQUE ABILITY.

THE DEMONS... THERE WERE FOUR OF THEM, RIGHT?

Huh...?

THE DEMONS... THERE WERE FOUR OF THEM, RIGHT?

Huh...?



HE
BURNS
WHATEVER
HE
TOUCHES.

I
THINK
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

THE RED
DEMON
IS
"HOT"
...



I WAS
SAVED
BECAUSE
I WAS FAR
AWAY AND IN
THE SHADOW
OF THE
SCHOOL
...

BUT THE
PEOPLE
WHO
LOOKED
DIRECTLY
AT HIM
LOST
THEIR
EYESIGHT.

THE
PINK
ONE IS
"DAZZL-
ING"
...

HE WAS
GLOWING
REALLY
BRIGHT-
LY.



HE
FREEZES...
THE
PEOPLE
HE
TOUCHES...

I...
SAW
HIM...

THE
BLUE
DEMON...
IS
"COLD"
...



**DON'T
OPEN
IT!!!**

HM?

● ● ●

HUH
?

DID
SOMEONE
CUT THE
CHEESE?

YUCK!
WHO
WAS
THAT?!

IT
REALLY
DOES
STINK.
WHAT
IS
THAT?

IT
WASN'T
ME

HUH
 ?!
 NO..

じ

**IT
WASN'T
MEEEE-
EEEE!!!**

ANY-
WAY,
LET'S
OPEN
A WIN-
DOW.

WELL

YES,
SIR-
EE!

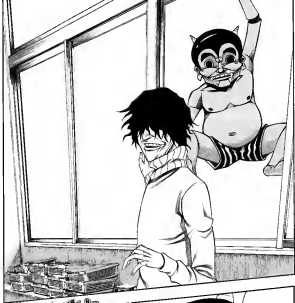
RAAAAI!!

HUH
?

HEY...
WAIT
A SEC

?!

AH





RUB

RUB

RUB

AAGH...
HELP
...!!

HELP
MEE-
EEE
!!!

"ON DEMON'S BACK "STINKY"



"STINKY"...?!



?!!

BWOOOOO

-ING
♪



FART
HEAVEN,
FART
HEAVEN
♪

HA
HA!

PWEET
PWEET
WATCH-

"THE DEMON IS SINGING A PARODY OF "OHIRU-YASUMI HA UKIRU WATCHING"
(HAPPILY WATCHING DURING LUNCH BREAK), A SONG USED FOR THE OPENING
OF "WARATTE II TOMO" (IT'S OKAY TO LAUGH!)













BUT NOW
THAT THE
DEMON'S
DEAD,
THAT
CONFIRMS
IT.

KA-CHACK

AFTER
THINKING
IT THROUGH,
I THOUGHT
IT MIGHT
BE THIS, SO
I TRIED IT...

WHERE
"DEMONS"
AND
"BEANS"
ARE CONCERNED
...



THIS
IS
"MAME-
MAKI".*

WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN?

*"BEAN-THROWING": A PURIFICATION RITUAL PERFORMED DURING THE SPRING FESTIVAL, IN WHICH BEANS ARE THROWN AT A FELLOW MEMBER WEARING A DEMON MASK TO REPRESENT BAD LUCK WHILE THE FAMILY'S PROSPERITY, "DEMONS GO AWAY, LUCK IN!"



"DRIVE
AWAY!
SPRING!
HELLO" IS
"HARAU
HARU
HAROU"...

節分

UM... THE
BEAN-THROWING
FESTIVAL IS TO
"HARAU" (DRIVE
AWAY) BAD LUCK
AND SAY "HELLO"
TO "HARU"
(SPRING), SO...

"MAME-
MAKI" AT
THE BEAN-
THROWING
FESTIVAL
AND...

"DEMONS"
AND
"BEANS"
BRING
TO MIND
...

UM...
ER...



"HARAU-
HARU-
HAROU"
!!

はるはるはるはる



TELL
US
ONE
MORE
TIME

TAKE
IT
SLOW
...

YOU'RE
CRAPPY
AT
EXPLAIN-
ING
STUFF.

OH...
SORRY
...

WELL,
UM...

AM I
WRONG
?

...
HUH?

はろろはろろ

"DEMONS" ARE
CHASING US...
AND THERE
ARE CAPSULES
WITH "BEANS"
INSIDE...

AND THEN
I TRIED
COMPARING
THAT
WITH THE
WRITING
FROM THE
KUSH-
DAMA.

SO WHEN I
THOUGHT
ABOUT
"DEMONS"
AND "BEANS,"
I SUDDENLY
THOUGHT OF
"MAME-
MAKI".

CHAPTER 9:
THAT AIN'T GOOD



OH... I
THINK
THAT
WAS
ME.

I USED
THAT.



I KEPT
IN MIND
THAT IT
MEANT
"HELLO"
IN
ENGLISH.



SOME-
ONE
SAID
EARLIER
...



THAT
"HARU"
MEANT
"HELLO,"
RIGHT?



"HARU-
HARU-
HARU"...
I PROBABLY
WOULDN'T
HAVE
FIGURED
IT OUT ON
MY OWN.



DRIVE
AWAY
(HARU)
...

AND
SAY
"HELLO"
TO
SPRING
(HARU)
...



DRIVE
AWAY
BAD
LUCK...

AND
WEL-
COME
SPRING.



HANE-MAKI
IS AN EVENT
DURING THE
BEAN-
THROWING
FESTIVAL
WHERE YOU
THROW
BEANS AT
DEMONS.



THE
POINT IS
TO DRIVE
AWAY BAD
LUCK AND
WELCOME
SPRING
AT THE
CHANGING
OF THE
SEASONS.



ARE...
YOU A
GENIUS
?

SO THAT
WAS A
HINT TO
CLEARING
AFTER
ALL...!!

OH, I
SEE...
THAT
BECOMES
"HARALI"
"HARU"
"HAROU"!!



RAAA!!
ALRIGHT!!
IN THE
END, IT'S
AL-RAAA!!

IT MIGHT ALSO BE
THE "SAITRI-FORI"
THAT SEIN KAMI
MENTIONED...
"KUSURAMA" →
"NAME-MAKI"...

W-
WOW
!!

WELL, I
THOUGHT
IT COULD
WORK, BUT
THAT DOESN'T
MEAN IT WAS
GUARANTEED,
SO...
MY
INTER-
PRETATION
MAKES SENSE,
RIGHT? IT'S
ALRIGHT IN
THE END...



YEAH
...
PROBABLY.

AND
DEFEAT
THE
DEMONS?

BUT
...

BASICALLY,
THAT MEANS IN
ORDER TO CLEAR,
WE NEED TO
LOOK FOR THE
BEANS HIDDEN
THROUGHOUT
THE SCHOOL
...



WE'LL
USE THIS
SCIENCE
ROOM AS
OUR
MEETING
PLACE.



WE
SHOULD
RUN
AWAY.

THEN
IF WE
GET
SEPA-
RATED
...

BUT THE
THING
WE HAVE
TO BE
MOST
CAREFUL
ABOUT
...

IS
RUNNING
INTO A
DEMON.

GOT
IT.

YEP.

OK
...

WE
WILL
SUR-
VIVE.

LET'S
GO,
EVERY-
ONE!!

IF WE
HAVE A
BEAN,
WE'LL
FIGHT
...

BUT
IF WE
DON'T
...



SAY
ANY-
THING
YOU
WANT
...

YOU
WERE
SO
AWE-
SOME
...

THANK
YOU FOR
SAVING
ME
EARLIER.

I WAS
IN REAL
TROUBLE
THERE.

AND
I'LL
DO
IT.

?!
?

NO
PROB-
LEM...

OH,
UH...
SURE...

UH...
MEI...
CHAN?

CALL
ME
MEI.

SHE'S
TOTALLY
LETTING
ME
TOUCH
HER
BOOB...

HEY-

I MEAN,
WAIT A
SEC...

HEY,
NOW!
WHAT
IS
THIS!





THINK ABOUT IT, MAN. HOW DO YA USE THAT BEAN?

THAT AIN'T GOOD.

!

IT'S SAFER TO HOLD ON TO IT, YA MORON!

'BEAN = WEAPON' RIGHT?

T- THE GUY FROM OSAKA ...

THEY MAY SAY THAT, BUT IN THE END, IT'S JUST A TEMPORARY DEAL, RIGHT? ANYWAY, ONCE THE SHIT HITS THE FAN, EVERYONE'LL ONLY BE LOOKING OUT FOR THEMSELVES... WHEN THAT HAPPENS, HAVING THE BEAN WILL GIVE YOU AN EDGE, RIGHT?

HUH... BUT... THEY'RE FRIENDS ...



RELAX, MAN! NOTHING BAD'S GONNA-

I'LL JUST HOLD ON TO IT FOR YA.

HUH ?!

HEY ...

WANNA TEAM UP WITH ME?

DO YA...

AH-





IF WE
DON'T
FIND AN
ACTUAL
WEAPON
SOON
...

LET'S
LOOK
FOR
MORE.

WE'RE
DEAD
MEAT.



SSF...
す...

BINGO,
MAN!



BUT
...

UM
...



HOW
'BOUT
IT,
MAN?!

YOU'LL
TEAM UP
WITH ME,
RIGHT?
HOW
'BOUT
IT?

WE'LL
BE THE
LEADERS!
AND THE
GIRLS'LL
BE ALL
OVER US!

♪

NOW, IF
A DEMON
COMES, THE
OTHER GUYS
WILL DIE,
AND I DON'T
HAVE TO DO
A THING...

THEN, AT
THE RIGHT
TIME,
WE'LL
KILL THE
DEMON
AND
BECOME
HEROS!!









**RUN,
YOU
GUYS!!
QUICK!!**



**NO
WAY
!!**



**DAMN
IT...**



**HEY,
C'MON!!
LET'S
GO!!**

**BUT
THEY
...**



**I
THOUGHT
I'D USE
IT LATER,
BUT...**

WUFF





WHAT
THE...?

IT'S
NOT A
BEAN
...?



KA-

PAP

19

HUH...?



IT'S THE
WRONG
ONE, ISN'T
IT?

I
THOUGHT
SO...

I TRIED
TO TELL
YOU
EARLIER
!!

I
THOUGHT
IT MIGHT
NOT BE
"BEAN"...

THE KANJI
ON THE
CAPSULE
LOOKED
ODD!!



AAAAAA
AAAAAA
AAAAAH

IT
SAYS
"A
BITE
OF
HAM"
!!!!



WHOOOSH
ハハ



AH
...?



HES
RIGHT!
WHAT
THE
HELL
?!

NOW
THAT
I
LOOK
AT IT, IT'S
COMPLETELY
WRONG!

AGH
...?!



THESE
LETTERS!!
THIS
TEXTURE!!



THIS
ISN'T
"BEAN"
...

AAAAAAH



THAT
WON'T
WORK.



WHY,
MAN —



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AS THE GODS WILL

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